re-inspect their buildings and designs from Seismic Resistance point of view as per the Codes of date and to report the Action Taken Report within a period of one month from the receipt of the letter.

Fiscal and Legal reforms to promote housing activities

- 2525. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering further fiscal commitments and legal reforms to promote housing activity in the country;
- (b) if so, whether States have been asked to send reports in this regard; and
 - (c) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Sir, Fiscal concessions are an ongoing process and the Government consider proposals received from various organisations representing the urban sector and recommend the same to Ministry of Finance at the time of formulation of budget.

- (b) Yes, Sir. States have been also asked to take action to encourage housing through fiscal and legal reforms.
- (c) The broad features include housing friendly rent control and building laws and favourable stamp and other duties.

High Court direction regarding appointment of LDCs in DDA

2526. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/DDA have been directed by the Delhi High Court on 7th August, 2000 in CW 1627/99 to hold